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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 21, 2003 (Paper No. 26), please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) a Petition for Extension of Time of one month, to and including February 23, 2004, (February 21, 2004 being a Saturday; *see* 35 U.S.C. § 21); (c) photocopies of Information Disclosure Statements, PTO/SB/08 forms and date-stamped Return Receipt postcards dated August 4, 2003 and December 1, 2003; and (d) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with attached references Z-AA.

Remarks begin on page 2.